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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9756**  
Fuminori SATO et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1141A  
Serial No. 09/913,538 : Group Art Unit 1653  
Filed August 15, 2001 : Examiner David Lukton

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: